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Possible topics for discussion:

More immediate goals

Ways to address burnout/morale among chemists

- Better communication via lab meetings
- Cross training within laboratory
- Continuing ed/training outside of lab
- Feeling of appreciation for hard work

Ways to address burnout/morale among senior chemists

- Better communication
- Designated areas of responsibility
- Ability to make decisions (even as a group)

Accountability for Evidence Office

- Address general lack of respect
- Lack of accountability for mistakes
- "bypassing authority" factor (ex: N&S issue)

Long term goals

Hiring

- Increase number of chemists to reduce current huge workload
- Re-evaluate the current training process
- DEA school

Possible accreditation

Increase networking possibilities:

Maintain contacts with outside individuals and inform them of the needs/constraints of the drug lab. Be an advocate for educating those people of the realities of testing issues...for example why analytical analysis of Class E's would be a severe challenge....etc.

Storage!

The analysis of each and every sample requires paperwork that each chemist is responsible for. This can be a huge amount to store as time goes on. The chain of custody needs and analysis needs for each case is hard for someone who is not familiar with the drug lab process to understand.